

a flexible one-piece body member having a permanently looped first end and a permanently looped second end; and

a non-metal tab member secured to said second looped end;

wherein said body member is constructed from a rope material;

wherein said first end and said second end are removably attached to each other to define a single attachment area for said body member and for connecting [connect] the first member to the second member.

17. (Thrice Amended) A soft link for connecting a first member of a parachute assembly to a second member of a parachute assembly, said soft link comprising:

a flexible one-piece body member having a permanently looped first end and a permanently looped second end, said flexible body member having a plurality of bartack threads; and

a non-metal tab member secured to said second looped end;

wherein said body member is constructed from high strength fibers;

wherein said first end and said second end are removably attached to each other to define a single attachment area for said body member and for connecting [connect] the first member to the second member.

Please add the following new claims:

--22. (New) The soft link of claim 1 wherein once the first member and the second member are connected the attachment point of the first end and the second end of said body member is cinched.

23. (New) The soft link of claim 10 wherein once the first member and the second member are connected the attachment point of the first end and the second end of said body member is cinched.

24. (New) The soft link of claim 17 wherein once the first member and the second member are connected the attachment point of the first end and the second end of said body member is cinched.--.